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My **Lords and Gentlemen.**

Am now brought to you by your selves: for I should not so soone have parted with you, if you had not desired it; and I believe that the same zeale and affection to Me and your Country, which hath brought and staid you here, hath caused

you to seeke this Recesse, *that so by distributing your selves into your severall Countryes, We may all the better reap the fruites of Our Consultations; wherefore in Gods name dispose of your selves as you thinke fit. I heartily thanke you for what you have done, and fully approve of what you desire.*

I thinke most (if not all) of you are engaged in my service, either in a Civile or a Martiall way; To you that have charge in my Armyes, I recommend the diligent attendance on your Commands, that so by your good example and discipline, you suppresse that licence and disorder, which will discredit, and may destroy the best cause.

And to you who are engaged in the Civile affaires, I must recommend these few particulars; That you expedite those supplies

ſupplies of Moneyes, which by your advice I have ſent for, whether by ſubſcription, or Exciſe, remembring that Moneys are the Nerves of Warre.

Likewiſe that you uſe your beſt diligence for the Preſſing of Men, and encouragement of Volunteers, by ſhewing them, that now the only way to preſerve themſelves from ſlavery, and their Countrey from Ruine, is freely to engage their perſons.

But chiefely, and with al poſſible care to informe all my Subjects of the barbaritie and odiouſneſſe of this Rebellion, *how ſollicitous I have bin for Peace, and how inſolently, and ſcornfully rejected; aſſuring them, that my Armes are rayſed and kept only for the defence of their* Religion, Lawes *and* Liberties, *which being once ſecured and vindicated, I ſhall moſt*

cheerfully lay them downe, I having (God knowes) with much unwillingneſſe taken them up.

Laſtly, aſſure them that theſe extraordinary wayes which neceſſitie hath produced (and moſt of them not without your conſent or advice) for my ſupply, ſhall not hereafter be brought in example to their prejudice, and I ſhall in the meane time do my beſt to prevent, and puniſh all exorbitances and diſorders.

To conclude (My Lords *and* Gentlemen) *I doe now againe (yet never enough) thanke you for your great and unanimous expreſſions of your affections to me, which hath laid an unexpreſſible Obligation upon me; and be aſſured that there is no profeſſion which I have made for the defence, and maintenance of our* Religion, Lawes, *and* Liberties, *which I will*

will not inviolably obſerve.

Now God who hath bleſſed this meeting with an unexpected unanimitie, (which I eſteeme as one not of his leaſt bleſſings) will, I hope, bring us all ſafe together againe the eigth *day of* October *next. In the meane time I ſhall be ready to receive any thing from your Committees that ſhall be deſired.*

FINIS.